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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLE OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of vegetable oils is declining in the country;

(b) if so, the factors attributed thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the quality of said seeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The production of oilseeds as well as vegetable oils has shown positive growth in recent years in the country. However, as the per capita consumption of vegetable oils has risen significantly, the demand of vegetable oils also has risen at a high rate thereby creating a gap between domestic production and consumption.

(c): In order to ensure supply of quality seed of oilseed crops to the farmers, Government of India is providing financial assistance for infrastructure development, purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation and certified seeds, distribution of certified seeds and training to farmers on seed production and seed technology aspects to produce quality seeds. Besides, with a view to introduce and popularize newly released varieties and hybrids of oilseeds amongst the farmers, seed minikits are distributed to the farmers free of cost through State Departments of Agriculture.